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Lewis & Clark Bicentennial plans under way in Missouri

Missouri is one of 17 states to participate in the bicentennial observance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1803-1806. Almost half of the 58 tribal nations visited by the two explorers as well as more than 20 federal agencies (including the Institute of Museum and Library Services) and cultural and conservation organizations are collaborating on bicentennial events.

The National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council seeks "to commemorate [the] journey, re-kindle its spirit of discovery, and acclaim the contributions and goodwill of the native peoples" through "educational programs, cultural sensitivity and harmony, and the sustaining stewardship of natural and historical resources along the route of the Expedition."

In addition to a variety of local events across the states, 10 communities have been selected by the council to host heritage or "signature" events during the bicentennial commemoration. In Spring 2004, the world will turn its attention to the St. Louis metropolitan area for two signature events:

- ▼ The Three Flags Ceremony will mark the 200th anniversary of the transfer of Louisiana Territory from Spain and France to the United States. Invited guests will include the King of Spain, President of France, President of the United States, governors of all states created out of the Louisiana Purchase, and the heads of tribal governments whose homelands were affected.
- ▼ To commemorate the Corps of Discovery's departure from its winter encampment at Camp River DuBois on May 14, 1804, to explore the newly acquired Louisiana Territory, the communities of Hartford and Wood River, Illinois, will invite the international public to participate in a signature event with send-off ceremonies, re-enactments, music, heritage craft and skill demonstrations, and rendezvous.

Missouri State Archivist Ken Winn said, "Missouri's Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemoration is shaping up as one of the finest in the nation. Dozens of communities across the state are already deeply engaged in planning events. Some projects are designed to entertain, some to educate, while others will leave behind a permanent legacy for future Missourians. But if we achieve our deepest goals, the Lewis and Clark expedition will both strengthen and enrich our sense of heritage and rekindle our sense of wonder about the future."



A click of the mouse **Librarians assist business developers and entrepreneurs**

In conjunction with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the State Library will host two sessions on entrepreneurship in the MOREnet Computer Lab during the Missouri Library Association annual this fall. Sessions will be held on October 4 from 2-3 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.

Emphasizing resources for entrepreneurs within local communities, Kauffman Foundation representatives will provide information and training on an extensive Internet site which di-

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Librarians assist entrepreneurs


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rects entrepreneurs through the business start-up process. These sessions will serve as a precursor to an entrepreneurship conference expected next year.

The Kauffman Foundation is a private foundation in Kansas City that strives to achieve the vision of self-sufficient people in healthy communities, with a focus on at-risk youth and entrepreneurs. Its mission is to research and identify the unfulfilled needs of society and to develop, implement, and/or fund breakthrough solutions that have a lasting impact and offer a choice and hope for the future.

For more information about the entrepreneurship sessions, contact Heather Peugh, statewide and community partnerships consultant at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 16.

Two court decisions affect authors' rights and e-books


 The U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed the copyright privileges of freelance writers in *The New York Times v. Tasini*, issuing a decision that is a major pronouncement on issues of copyright law in the digital age.

The court voted on June 26 that freelance writers can retain their copyright privileges on works that were originally published in newspapers and periodicals and then were licensed by the publishers to commercial electronic databases. In siding with the plaintiffs in the case, the court rejected the publishers' arguments that a ruling for the authors would have "devastating" consequences (vendors have threatened to delete freelance authors' works from their databases to reduce publishers' liability for infringement).

The lead plaintiff in the case was Jonathan Tasini, president of the National Writers Union. Mary Kay Blakely, who teaches

at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism, was also a plaintiff in the case.

The remedial phase of the case has yet to be determined. Of particular concern to libraries is the court's ruling that recognizes certain archival media, e.g., microfilm and microfiche, do not infringe freelance authors' copyright.

 A July 11 federal court decision denied Random House's motion for a preliminary injunction that would have barred Rosetta Books from publishing e-book editions of works by Kurt Vonnegut, William Styron, and Robert Parker.

Random House had acquired print publication rights to the works through standard book contracts signed by the authors in the 1960s through the 1980s. Random House claimed that e-book editions of *Slaughterhouse-Five*, *Sophie's Choice*, and other works would violate its exclusive right to print and publish the works in book form.

As Judge Sidney Stein said in his ruling, "Relying on the language of the contracts and basic principles of contract interpretation, this Court finds that the right to 'print, publish and sell the work[s] in book form' in the contracts at issue does not include the right to publish the works in the format that has come to be known as the 'ebook'."

The ruling may be appealed or proceed to a full trial; however, the court held that Random House is "not likely to succeed on the merits of its copyright infringement claim."

Share your "trade secrets" in September



The State Library will hold five "Trade Secrets" workshops for youth services librarians in September. These workshops offer an informal setting for youth services staff at public and school libraries to discuss common issues and to share ideas for programs, services, and promotions. The schedule follows:

September 11—Sikeston Public Library

September 12—West Plains Public
Library

September 13—Nevada Public Library

September 18—Brookfield Public
Library

September 19—Scenic Regional Library,
Main Library, Union

Registration deadline is September 4, and each workshop is limited to 30 participants. To register online, go to http://www.sos.mo.gov/gov/library/development/services/youth_srs.asp

Questions about the workshops should be directed to Nancee Dahms-Stinson, the State Library's youth and senior services consultant, at 800-325-0131, ext. 5.



Web Watch

Earth Trends: The Environmental Information Portal

<http://earthtrends.wri.org/>

Compiled by the World Resources Institute, this database includes country profiles, datatables, maps, and other features for the general public.

Lewis and Clark in Missouri

<http://lewisandclark.missouri.org>

Provides information about the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial celebration (see also page 1). Includes a newsletter, calendar of events, a tourist explorer guide, and links to related sites.

Making of America

<http://moa.umdl.umich.edu>

A major research tool, this site provides full-text access to primary source documents in American history—more than one million pages of text and images. Also includes an important collection of digitized books and journals dating from the antebellum period through reconstruction (1850-1877).

New director for IMLS

Robert S. Martin has been named director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). He is the first librarian to hold the position. Directorship of the IMLS is alternately held by leaders from the museum and library communities.

Martin is a professor and interim director of the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University in Denton. He served as director and librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission from 1995 to 1999, and served as a professor and an associate dean of special collections at Louisiana State University from 1991 to 1995.

Automation grants to four Missouri libraries

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has approved Public Library Automation grants totaling \$113,527 to four public libraries. An independent panel of librarians from throughout the state with expertise in library automation technology and who were not connected with any of the grants under consideration has reviewed the grant proposals. Recipients include:

Cedar County Public Library—new system: \$19,383

Macon Public Library—system upgrade: \$16,868

Rolla Public Library—system upgrade: \$43,982

Salem Public Library—system upgrade: \$33,294

The grant to Cedar County Library will complete its database migration to a new

state-of-the-art computer system and ensures data integrity. Macon Public Library and Rolla Public Library are replacing long-overdue upgrades from obsolete systems to a Windows-based system. The grant to Salem Public Library will provide automated library services that conform to state and national standards.

Missouri public libraries have received more than \$4 million in state funding since the automation grant program began in 1996. The funds have enabled 57 libraries to plan for retrospective conversion and automation projects, convert their records to machine-readable format, install an automation system, or upgrade an automation system.

Further information about the program is available from Carol F. Amos, automation consultant at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 14, or amosc@sosmail.state.mo.us.

Free family literacy guide

For the first time in Missouri, information from a wide range of adult education and early childhood education agencies, as well as information from social service agencies and organizations which offer support for family literacy programs, is now available in one publication: *Show Me Family Literacy!*

This new publication from LIFT-Missouri contains a wealth of information on establishing family literacy programs. In 80 pages of up-to-date information, this comprehensive guide covers the components of

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Evaluating search services for kids—some questions

How big is the index? How many sites are cataloged?

How much descriptive text is there for each site in the index?

Is there a published selection policy?

Who has selected the sites? What is their background?

Are there help screens and tutorials?

Is there a built-in spell-checker?

Are several search options offered?

How much of the site is given over to advertising or non-search features?

Source: *School Library Journal*

Family literacy guide

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a quality family literacy program, collaborations with partner agencies, funding sources for family literacy, program operation, and where to go for training, technical assistance, and resources.

To obtain a free copy of *Show Me Family Literacy!*, contact LIFT at 800-729-4443.

Date-searchable websites for Election 2000 available

The Library of Congress and Alexa Internet have announced the Election 2000 Collection, the first large-scale collection of date-searchable websites to be archived and made available online.

The Election 2000 Collection (www.archive.alex.com/collections/e2k.html), developed for the Library of Congress by the Internet Archive, Alexa Internet, and Compaq Computer, is an Internet library containing archived copies of more than 1,000 election-related websites. The collection, searchable by date, by website, and by category via Alexa's new "Wayback Machine" technology, contains more than two million megabytes of election-related information gathered between August 1, 2000, and January 14, 2001, including what was published on the candidates' websites, political party sites, and major news sites.

The Election 2000 Collection is important because it contributes to the historical record of the U.S. presidential election, capturing information that could otherwise have been lost. With the growing role of the Web as an influential medium, records of historical events such as the U.S. presidential election could be considered incomplete without materials that were "born digital" and never printed on paper. Because Internet content changes at a very rapid pace, especially on those sites related to an election, many important election sites have already disappeared from the Web. For the Election 2000 Collection, rapidly changing sites were archived daily, or even twice and

three times in a day, in an attempt to capture the dynamic nature of Internet content.

LIVE @ your library grant applications available

The American Library Association's Public Programs Office seeks applications for the 2001-2002 season of LIVE@ your library: Building Cultural Communities. The initiative provides grant opportunities for libraries to present cultural programs for adult and family audiences.

Featuring live appearances by literary, visual and performing artists, local LIVE! programs explore important issues and ideas, such as families in art and literature, body and soul, the effects of migration and immigration on self discovery, sports and the arts, and the art of biography.

LIVE! programs have included appearances by such respected authors as Rosellen Brown, Denise Chavez, Chris Crutcher, and Robert Morgan. Working with these and other authors and artists, libraries across the country have developed many unique LIVE! events.

Libraries interested in receiving an application, guidelines, and information about LIVE! @ your library, should call the ALA Public Programs Office at 312-280-5045 or e-mail publicprograms@ala.org. Applications are available online at www.ala.org/publicprograms/live.html. Deadlines for the new series are September 15, November 15, January 15, and March 15.

National conferences focus on rural libraries and outreach services

The Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship at Clarion University of Pennsylvania is sponsoring two national conferences, both in Columbus, Ohio, in October 2001:

👉 *The Future of Rural and Small Libraries Conference, 1* (October 1-3) is intended for librarians, library trustees, extension agents, adult education specialists,

government officials, and members of the general public who are concerned about the future of rural and small libraries in the United States. The conference presents a full agenda featuring speakers and panelists from throughout the country. Topics to be addressed include managing the one-person library, planning for efficient use of space, digitizing collections, maintaining children's services, developing collections, working with school libraries, and providing continuing education for staff.

👉 *The Great American Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference VIII* (October 4-6) also features a national roster of speakers and is designed for bookmobile and outreach staff, supervisors, administrators, trustees, and the general public.

Registration for each conference is \$145, and \$240 for those interested in attending both conferences. For more information, phone Clarion's continuing education department at 814-393-2227.

Literacy Leap II scheduled for 2002

April 10-12, 2002, are the dates for Literacy Leap II, to be held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks. Coordinated by LIFT-Missouri with the State Library, Literacy Leap II is a comprehensive literacy conference which will feature presentations and workshops designed for adult educators and students, early childhood educators, family literacy program staff, school administrators, and volunteer reading tutors.

Literacy Leap offers an opportunity for those in the literacy field to learn and share resources. New for the 2002 conference will be a pre-conference for librarians. The five workshop "strands" include Adult Education & Literacy, Family Literacy, Health & Literacy, Parental Involvement, and Volunteer Tutors.

Registration for the conference is \$135.00. For more information about Literacy Leap II, contact Renee Bell at 800-729-4443 or e-mail rbell@webster.edu.

Barbara Bush grants to Missouri agencies

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy has awarded grants to three Missouri organizations: Literacy Investment for Tomorrow (LIFT)—Missouri in St. Louis, The Literacy Council of Macon County in Macon, and St. Louis University. The Macon organization is a previous recipient of a Barbara Bush Foundation grant.

The foundation's National Grant Program awards approximately \$500,000 each year; no grant exceeds \$50,000. The goal of the national program is to develop and expand family literacy efforts nationwide and to support the development of literacy programs that build families of readers.

Reading campaign targets boys

"Too many boys still struggle with reading. Something is not working for boys, but there is little or no direct research on gender and literacy, and not much in the way of support for boys' literacy."

John Scieszka

Scieszka, a former elementary school teacher and author of *The Stinky Cheese Man* and other books for young people, has launched **Guys Read**, a reading program for boys eight to 12. The Association of Booksellers for Children and Penguin Putnam, Scieszka's publisher, support the program.

The author says that "because the majority of adults involved in kids' reading are women, boys don't see reading as a masculine activity" and "many boys are asked to read books that don't appeal to them." He plans to make plenty of noise on a national level to call attention to the question of boys' literacy, and motivate adults to examine the role gender plays in the book choices given to boys.

The **Guys Read** website offers practical solutions, a forum for boys to recommend and discuss books, and a list of "favorite books for guys." To find out more, go to <http://www.GuysRead.com>.

Website registers more than 100 million hits

America's Library, the Library of Congress's website for children and families, has handled more than 100 million "hits" since its April 2000 debut.

Through the use of stories, richly embellished with photographs, maps, prints, manuscripts, and audio and video recordings from the library's collections, *America's Library* invites users to learn about their past through extraordinary, at times idiosyncratic, materials, many of which have never been seen by the public.

The site has also received numerous awards, among them *Forbes* magazine's and *Forbes.com*'s "Best of the Web," *Revolution* magazine's 2001 "Revolution Award" for best use of digital media by a nonprofit organization, Best "Hot Sites" of 2000 from *USA Today*, and the "Standard of Excellence Award" in the Web 2000 Awards from the Web Marketing Association.

America's Library marks the first time in its history that the Library of Congress has created a public service advertising campaign in partnership with the Advertising Council. To date, the site has received an estimated \$35 million in free advertising support on television, radio, and the Internet.



newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

Efforts of many help in catching book thief

A Gladstone, Missouri, man pleaded guilty to theft of library materials, agreeing to one year probation and to pay Mid-Continent Public Library \$2,118 in restitution for stolen library materials. The man had taken about 60 books, worth \$800, from the shelves of several libraries without checking them out. Using the eBay online auction service, he sold the stolen materials online to unsuspecting bidders.

Mid-Continent first became aware of this situation when a successful eBay bidder contacted the library. The bidder named the thief as the individual who had sold the item to him. A few weeks later, a second bidder called the library with a similar story.

With this information, Mid-Continent Public Library contacted eBay. The library discovered that eBay has a very strict policy against the sale of stolen property. Once a local police report was filed, eBay pledged to cooperate fully with local authorities in

their investigation of the case.

Mid-Continent filed a complaint with the Gladstone Police Department, and the subsequent investigation helped assure that Mid-Continent could account for as many stolen items as possible.

The Gladstone Police Department passed the investigation to the Clay County Prosecutor's office, which worked to obtain restitution that would allow the library to replace books the Gladstone Police had not recovered. The office also worked to make certain that the restitution included reimbursement for the time library employees dedicated to tracking the case.

MU joins in national digital library effort

The University of Missouri is one of 29 academic institutions and organizations involved in the creation of a National Science Digital Library, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). MU received \$805,680 for gathering and organizing content for a National Biology Digital Library.

Considered a key step toward addressing the digital divide, the NSF has made grant awards totaling some \$13.5 million to create, organize, and install high-quality education resources onto the Internet. The awards from NSF's National Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology Education Digital Library program may strongly affect K-12 and undergraduate education by providing anytime, anywhere access to a rich array of authoritative and reliable interactive materials and environments.

The National Digital Library, which should open next year, will serve as a portal to a variety of digital collections and may feature applications that enable educators and students to design personal library portals.

The program continues ongoing efforts of the national, multi-agency Digital Libraries Initiative begun in 1994, which has involved NSF, the Department of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other federal agencies.



Sedalia Public Library celebrated its 100th anniversary in July with an open house, refreshments, and a portrayal of Andrew Carnegie by Jeffrey Smith, a historian from St. Louis. The library was built from 1899 to 1901 with a \$50,000 grant from Carnegie. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Man crashes car into Joplin Public Library

A Joplin man drove his car into the front doors of the Joplin Public Library on June 12. Upset because his food stamp card had not been honored for a few days, the man protested the situation by driving into a public building. According to library director Carolyn Trout, the man considered crashing into the *Joplin Globe* or the public library and decided he would get more attention at the library. He used an ornamental rock from the library's garden to break a window, then tried to drive his car through the front doors.

Trout said, "We were lucky we didn't have to replace the entire door frame, which spans the entire entrance and would have had to be specially made (the unit isn't manufactured anymore). That would have kept the door out of business until September or October. There was no structural damage to the building, either, so we lucked out there."

The repairs have been completed, paid for by an insurance company, and the angry citizen is now in jail after pleading guilty to first-degree property damage.

Foundation award to Springfield-Greene County Library

The Jeannette Musgrave Foundation has awarded \$25,000 to the Springfield-Greene County Library to help pay part of the costs of a Community Technology Training Center at the library's Midtown Carnegie Branch. The same foundation was the benefactor of the young adult department at the Library Center, Springfield's main library.

The new technology center will include a program offering homework assistance, hands-on technology training, library use skills, and mentoring to middle school and high school students. The center also will provide technology training and library skills classes for adults.

NovelBall benefits Kansas City Public Library

The Second Annual NovelBall took place on June 15 in Kansas City as a fundraising "non-event" for the Kansas City Public Library. Sponsored by *The Independent Magazine*, the NovelBall invited library supporters to stay home and share a story with someone special and make a contribution to the Literacy for Life Fund.

Dr. Charles Wheeler, former Kansas City mayor, and his daughter, Marion Wheeler, served as co-chairs for the event. Additional promotion came from Mark Santel, Kansas City Wizards soccer player, and his children.

So far, the library has realized almost \$2,000 from the "non-event," with additional funds expected as donations tend to trickle in, according to Diana Reiter, the library's director of marketing and development. The donations will help in purchase of needed items for the library.

St. Louis Public Library offers Civil War classes

Civil War and history buffs have signed up in record numbers for a series of classes at St. Louis Public Library titled "The Civil War, 1861-1865: Causes, Weapons, Strategy & Tactics." Held at the Main Library and conducted by Tom Pearson of the library's Rare Books and Special Collections Department, the classes began in June with an introduction exploring the war's causes, the armies' organization, weapons and tactics, and Union and Rebel objectives. Classes in August, October, and November, and two in 2002 will further explore the war, specific battles, and the war's outcome.

Interest in the classes has been impressive, according to Pearson, who has scheduled additional classes to meet the demand. At last count, 160 have signed up for the series.

Barton County Library completes building projects

Residents in Barton County are enjoying



Relay Missouri

Relay communications service provides full telephone accessibility to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired. Specially trained relay agents complete all calls and stay on line to relay messages either electronically over a Text Telephone (TT) or verbally to hearing parties.

The service, known as Relay Missouri, is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with no restrictions on the length or number of calls placed. Calls may be made to any location in the continental United States.

Both TT and voice users may initiate calls through Relay Missouri. The toll-free access numbers are: 800-735-2966 (TT) and 800-735-2466 (voice).

More Library News



National Book Festival highlights reading and libraries

First Lady Laura Bush will host the National Book Festival, sponsored by the Library of Congress and inspired by the highly successful Texas Book Festival founded by Mrs. Bush. The September 8, 2001, event will be held on the grounds of the Library of Congress and the U.S. Capitol, and will feature readings, music, performances, and book-signings for children and adults by a wide selection of noted authors and artists from across the country (50 at this writing).

Recognizing the key role that reading and libraries play in the lives of both young people and adults, the First Lady and the Librarian of Congress hope the National Book Festival will encourage all Americans to take advantage of the remarkable resources for lifetime learning available in the nation's libraries.

new library facilities in Golden City and Liberal. Dedication ceremonies for the branch libraries were held in June, with local dignitaries and State Librarian Sara Parker in attendance.

The Golden City branch, located in a downtown building, was remodeled and expanded to include an adjacent building, doubling the size of the branch. It was funded by the Barton County Library Foundation.

In Liberal, work on a new building began last fall and was completed in the spring. Community members raised almost \$100,000 to pay for the building, which augmented a sizable donation from Bub Curless, a local businessman.

State Aid to Public Libraries enables the county library to expand hours at the new facilities.

Libraries support summer marathon mixing fitness and books

"Probably the two best lifetime habits that a young person can form are fitness and reading."—Jere Hochman, Superintendent, Parkway School District

As part of the Spirit of St. Louis Marathon & Family Fitness Weekend, a pilot project for children ages 6 to 12 will combine reading and running. Called the "Read & Run Marathon, the "run" will take place October 20 & 21. The goal is to promote physically and intellectually fit participants.

Participants are required to read 26 books and run 25 miles (one mile at a time) by October 19 and to complete the final 1.2 miles across the "official" finish line on October 21. Special Olympic athletes will take part in a modified version of the marathon by running one-fourth of a mile or lap around a track (25 total) and reading the 26 books or having their parents read to them. The young athletes must keep a log of their activities.

About 400 children participated in a kick-off-mile run May 5 at the St. Louis Galleria and recorded the mile in their logs. Each

participant received a book upon completion of the mile. Applications for the marathon were available at bookstores and local libraries including University City Public Library and all branches of the St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis County Library, and St. Charles City-County Library.

Sponsors include the libraries, several area schools, McBride & Sons home builders of Chesterfield, and the fitness weekend organizers. They will ask for contributions of new or "gently used" children's books at the fall marathon. Large barrels for books will be at the starting lines. Beneficiaries of the marathon will be Special Olympics and a local literacy program.

Printers showcase library graphics

Two large printing firms have showcased Springfield-Greene County Library designs on their websites.



Modern Postcard featured the library's full-color postcard (pictured) and said: "All kids love postcards, especially ones with rockets and bright colors. The Springfield-Greene County Library has created a way to give children special recognition when they sign up for a library card and to welcome them to the library. They are not only encouraging the children to be proud of going to the library, but also getting them excited about what they can find there."

In addition to the postcard, kids receive a matching button that says "I got my library card at the Springfield-Greene County Library."

Benchmark Printing in Springfield recognized *Bookends*, the library's magazine and calendar of events, on its "sample" pages.

Both designs are by Danny Dye, the library's graphic artist and recipient of many design awards.

Personal Notes

Carolyn Baker has joined the State Library staff as administration consultant in the Library Development Division. She will work with library staff in the areas of governance, personnel, long-range planning, needs assessment, and trustee development.

Baker holds an M.L.S. from the University of Oklahoma, a master's degree in management from Oral Roberts University (OK), and a B.S. in education from the University of Arkansas.

Her experience includes 13 years as a librarian at Oral Roberts University where she worked in reference, interlibrary loan, and distance learning. She also spent 13 years as a librarian for the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in the Department of Rehabilitation.

John Finley retired from his position of state documents librarian at the State Library after 26 years of service, effective July 31. He was first hired as a bibliographer and reference librarian and became the state documents librarian in 1983. As coordinator of the state documents program, he worked with state agencies and the 41 state depository libraries to provide information about the operations and services of state government.

Finley is active in the Missouri Library Association and the mid-Missouri chapter of the Special Libraries Association. He has been involved in planning a variety of programs for both organizations.

Named the new state documents librarian is **Bryan Dunlap**, a reference librarian at the State Library. In addition to his reference work, Dunlap has maintained the reference division's website and serves on the Secretary of State's web redesign committee. He received an M.L.S. and a B.S. in education from Emporia State University (KS).

Michael Devine has been appointed director of the Truman Presidential Museum & Library in Independence. He is currently

professor of history at the University of Wyoming. Since 1991, he has taught courses in U.S. history and 18th and 19th century diplomatic history. During the fall of 2000, he was a senior Fulbright lecturer in Korea, and in 1998 served as Houghton Freeman Professor of American History at the Johns Hopkins University—Nanjing University Graduate Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing, China.

Serving as the director of the American Heritage Center from 1991 to 2000, Devine oversaw the construction of a new \$20 million, 135,000-square-foot facility on the University of Wyoming campus. He also organized a private-sector group to support the center's activities. The public/private partnership that he created has resulted in raising nearly \$9 million for the center. Among his initiatives at the center was the development of a wide range of scholarly and popular programs to integrate the American Heritage Center into the academic life of the University of Wyoming.

Before coming to Wyoming, Devine was director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency/Illinois State Historical Society and Illinois state historian.

He earned a B.A. from Loras College (IA) and an M.A. and Ph.D from Ohio State University. He has published widely on subjects ranging from American foreign policy to the history of the West.

Anitra Steele, director of children's services at the Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence, is the author of a new book, *Bare Bones Children's Services: Tips for Public Library Generalists*, published by the American Library Association. Her book is a companion to the popular *Bare Bones Young Adult Services*, also published by ALA.

Steele offers practical approaches to the basics of library services for children, recognizing there are libraries without children's specialists because of budget or size or staff turnover. Full of easy-to-implement ideas, the book covers reference and readers' advisory skills, storytelling, homework

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Missouri authors invited to National Book Festival

Three St. Louis-area authors will join a distinguished group of U.S. authors as part of the National Book Festival in September: Patricia and Fredrick McKissack and Jan Greenberg. The three authors write books for young people, and all have won a variety of awards. They also have participated in Missouri Center for the Book events.

The McKissacks have written more than 50 books together, spanning more than 20 years. Among their awards are the Coretta Scott King Award, Newbery Honor, Notable Children's Trade Book, and American Library Association (ALA) Best Book for Young Adults awards. Some of their books: *Black Diamond: The Story of the Negro Baseball Leagues*; *Christmas in the Big House*, *Christmas in the Quarters*; *Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?*; and *The Long Hard Journey*.

Greenberg writes about art and architecture, and her 1998 book, *Chuck Close Up Close*, won the Norman A. Sugarman Biography Award and was an ALA Notable Book as well as a *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year.

Librarian appointed to Lewis & Clark program team

Wicky Sleight, director of the Kirkwood Public Library, has been appointed to a four-state team of scholars and consultants assembled to develop ideas for public programs for the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The project, under the auspices of the Missouri Humanities Council, will offer programs to communities within a day-trip of the Missouri River in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. The Bicentennial celebration will last from 2004 to 2006 and commemorate the major events of the expedition's exploration of the Louisiana Purchase territory.

Sleight was chosen to represent public libraries in the planning and implementation of the project. Under her direction, the Kirkwood library has become noted for its many successful multi-disciplinary humanities programs.

The focus of the project will be on rural and/or immigrant audiences, with substantial inclusion of tribal heritage information and tribal perspectives on the expedition. The project team will develop mini-series with distinct themes, a speaker's bureau, and touring exhibits.

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help, materials selection, promotion, and building alliances among libraries, families, and groups serving children.

The book is available for \$32.00 (\$28.80 for ALA members) from ALA Editions. To order, call 800-545-2433, ext. 7 or check the ALA website at www.ala.org.

Helen H. Spalding, associate director of libraries at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, has been elected 2001-2002 vice president/president-elect for the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). The organization is the largest division of the American Library Association (ALA) and represents 11,000 academic and research libraries.

Spalding assumed the vice president/president-elect post in June at the 2001 ALA annual conference, and will serve as ACRL president in 2002-2003. As ACRL president, Spalding will focus on professional development, librarian recruitment, improving teaching and learning, and support the preservation and transfer of knowledge.

Spalding has held numerous positions with ACRL and ALA. She also has been active in the Missouri Library Association, the Library Administration and Management Association, and the Library and Information Technology Association.

She is on the board of editors for *Portal: Libraries and the Academy*, and has published several scholarly articles on professional development and the implementation of automated systems.

Dr. Glen E. Holt, executive director of the St. Louis Public Library, has received two important honors for his community service and contributions to public libraries: The Kemper Foundation/Commerce Bank Community Service Award and the Charlie Robinson Award, both awarded in June.

The Kemper Award honors Holt's more than 14 years of service to the St. Louis Public Library system and for his commitment to the library's mission of "providing learning resources and information services that support and improve individual, family,

and community life."

The award is dedicated to recognizing individuals who "work diligently toward community betterment and the enhancement of the lives of others." It recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to organizations that serve the region's needs. Potential award recipients are identified through a consultation process with groups which include community and civic leaders.

During the awards ceremony, Holt received a \$10,000 donation from the Kemper Foundation & Commerce Bank. The donation will help develop a children's computer lab at the Julia Davis Branch.

The Public Library Association's Charlie Robinson Award recognizes Holt's "innovative leadership," his work and research to improve American public libraries, and his efforts to keep libraries in the forefront of information technology and networking.



Best Reading in 2001



The American Library Association has published a "best of" book kit for the millennium. Its *Guide to Best Reading in 2001* contains lists compiled by the

Association of Library Service to Children, *Booklist*, Reference and User Services Association, and the Young Adult Library Services Association. Lists in the guide include "Notable Children's Books," "Notable Books," "Editors' Choice," and "Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults."

These lists were compiled by librarians and book reviewers and offer classic and contemporary fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for all ages. All of the promotional pieces are camera-ready and contained in one package. Buying the kit includes permission for unlimited free distribution.

The guide is available online at the ALA Online Store, <http://alastore.ala.org/> or from the ALA Order Department, 800-545-2433, press 7.

State & County QuickFacts—electronic tool for census information

Q. If it's easy to use and you don't have to go through a maze of electronic layers to get the information you need, can it really be census information?

A. Yes, and it combines Census 2000 information with the most recent data available in other areas, too!

The dramatic decrease in the number of print products published by the Census Bureau has led the agency to create a variety of electronic resources. State and County QuickFacts is a popular Web tool which displays a variety of demographic data at the state and county levels.

More specifically, QuickFacts provides information such as population change between 1990 and 2000, race breakdowns and number of persons per square mile from Census 2000, and the most recent data about retail sales, local government employment, and number of building permits issued for housing units.

The QuickFacts Project recently won the Census Bureau Director's Award for Innovation and is being highlighted in publications such as *State and Local Government Computer News*. You can access QuickFacts from the Census Bureau's homepage at <http://www.census.gov>.

QuickFacts answered the following questions:

- *How many people are there per square mile in Missouri's most-populated county, St. Louis County?* 2000.6 persons per square mile, compared with a state average of 81.2 persons per square mile
- *What number of housing units were authorized by building permits in Greene County in 1999?* 1,805
- *What was the percentage change in population in Howell County between 1990 and 2000?* An increase of 18.4 percent, compared to state growth of 9.3 percent
- *How many people lived in Jackson County in 2000?* 654,880
- *What were per capita retail sales in Buchanan County in 1997?* \$9,756, higher than the state average of \$9,482
- *According to Census 2000, what percentage of the population in Barry County is of Hispanic or Latino origin?* 5 percent

Upcoming Events



Attend a Trade Secret Workshop in September!
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September is National Library Card Sign-up Month

September 8
International Literacy Day

September 22-29
Banned Books Week

September 25-26
Missouri Census Data Center Annual Conference
Columbia

September 27
Secretary's Council on Library Development Meeting
Jefferson City

October 3-5
Missouri Library Association Annual Conference
St. Louis

October 6
Missouri Association of School Librarians Fall Seminar
Camdenton

October 14-20
Teen Read Week

October 25-27
Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting
St. Louis



We must not think of learning as only what happens in schools. It is an extended part of life. The most readily available resource for all of life is our public library system.



David McCullough

Librarians co-sponsor GIS Day 2001

Reflecting increased library involvement in geographic information systems (GIS), the Map and Geography Round Table of the American Library Association became an associate sponsor of GIS Day this year. The celebration will be held during National Geography Week, on November 14, 2001.

The concept of GIS is to use computer software capable of linking tabular data (or layers of tabular data) with geographic codes to create an electronic map. GIS Day is an annual global event celebrated during National Geography Week. Its purpose is to highlight the contributions mapping technology is making in almost every field, including health, government, the humanities, science, and business.

GIS Day celebrations include map galleries, interactive demonstrations, open houses, media coverage about how GIS is used, and GIS presentations at schools, libraries, and organizational meetings. Information about how to become involved in GIS Day is available online at <http://www.gisday.com>.

Last year, Missouri's GIS Advisory Committee (see: <http://msdis.missouri.edu/mgisac/index.html>) joined organizations in more than 81 countries to host a GIS Day event. The committee held a special celebration in the rotunda of the state capitol. This year, committee members will celebrate the day by going to schools to demonstrate how GIS is used and to make stu-

dents aware of job opportunities in the field. If a library would like to request a speaker for a GIS event this year, contact the State Library's Missouri GIS Advisory Committee representative at 573-526-7648 or 800-325-0131, ext. 10.

Focus on Census 2000 at state conference

The Missouri Census Data Center will hold its annual conference September 25-26 at the Ramada Inn in Columbia. The theme is "Your Delivery Is Here" Census 2000!"

This year's conference will focus on Census 2000 data products and mapping. Many topics will be covered, including how reference librarians, regional planning commissions, businesses, and others can effectively use and provide Census 2000 information to the public. A session also will be presented to explain how local governments can challenge Census 2000 population figures through the Census Bureau's Count Question Resolution Program.

Two concurrent pre-conference training sessions ("Census 2000 Resources on the Web" and "Using Census 2000 with GIS") will be offered on September 25 from 9 to noon.

Conference registration is \$55 and \$45 for the pre-conference training. A \$100 registration fee includes the preconference and conference.

For more information, contact Debbie Pitts at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 10, or 573-526-7648.

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